

WHOLE CITY AWAITS PREPAREDNESS DAY

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night and discussed plans for participation in the parade. Dr. Huntton said that every one approved the idea and wanted to aid in every way possible to make it a success. He was assured that the G. A. R. section will be given a place of honor in the line of march.

Dr. Huntton told Mr. Columbus that the G. A. R. veterans will be accompanied by an escort of honor of about 400 sons of Veterans. There will also be a life and drum corps in this section, he said.

The Woman's Relief Corps of the Department of the Potomac, G. A. R., also will have a large representation in the parade. In a letter to Chairman William F. Gude of the preparedness parade committee, Mrs. Jennie T. Thompson, commander, says:

"Our interest in the parade is twofold. The organization which I have the honor to represent in part is the natural desire of the nation to minister to the sufferings and wants of those despoiled of health and limbs during the civil war, and to preserve the nation and the flag. Out of our work has grown the late Mrs. Gude, and out of this endeavor has grown the celebration of Flag day in almost every state in the Union."

Origin of Flag Day.

"The Woman's Relief Corps of this department instituted the observance of Flag day in the District of Columbia, June 14, 1905, when Mrs. Isabel Worrell Ball was secretary of the department. The exercises were held in Dr. Sunderland's (Presbyterian) church, and Inspector General Breckinridge, U. S. A., presided over the meeting. Among the speakers were Marion T. Anderson, department commander, G. A. R.; John McElroy, past national senior vice commander; Dr. Sunderland and Mrs. Ball, at the solicitation of Mrs. Ball the public schools and business houses displayed the very few flags they then possessed, and a few private houses did the same."

"For years the Woman's Relief Corps carried on this work unassisted by any other organization. We are more than gratified that the nation-wide observance of the day has grown from the seed planted by the national organization of the Woman's Relief Corps, and we will do our full part in the observance here in Washington. It will be the twenty-first anniversary of our first Flag day in the District of Columbia."

Chamber of Commerce to Act.

President Moran of the Chamber of Commerce has been asked by so many members to have the chamber well represented in the preparedness parade that he will bring the matter up in the board of directors' meeting scheduled for Wednesday night. A post card census is being taken by the secretary's office to determine how many members have motor cars, and the tentative plans for an automobile section would indicate that the chamber will have a large representation in that unit of the parade as well as among the marchers. All members are requested to fill in and return post card at once, whether or not they own cars. Replies have been received from less than 20 per cent of the members, but an unusually large percentage of this number possess cars.

Col. Myron M. Parker, president of the University Club, has notified the committee that about 500 members of his organization expect to take part in the parade. They will march in the club section, which Col. Henry May is now engaged in organizing. Woodbury

Blair, president of the Metropolitan Club, also is taking an active part in seeing to it that there is a large representation of clubmen in line.

A meeting of proprietors and managers of the retail stores of the city has been called for 8 o'clock Tuesday night in the oak room of the Raleigh Hotel to organize the retail merchants' section. In this will march the employees and officials of the department stores and other stores of the city. It is expected that the section will turn out several thousand marchers, as the department stores each have from 300 to 500 clerks. The proprietors are waiting until some action is taken in the House with regard to the joint resolution declaring the day a national holiday before deciding to close their establishments that day.

Base Ball Leagues to Be in Line.

The amateur base ball leagues of the District are contemplating entering the parade, and probably will reach a definite decision at a meeting which has been called by Robert H. Young, president of the Association of Amateur Base Ball Leagues of the District, for Thursday night at 613 14th street northwest. If the base ball players decide to participate they will wear their regulation uniforms, and each man will carry a flag. There are eight leagues in the amateur association, some having eight teams and others four. There are about forty teams in all, and each of these has out eight or ten players. Some of the players are members of two teams in different leagues, so that the total number of players in the association is about 400. Mr. Young says: "If the base ball players march they will form a unit consisting of eight battalions, each representing a league. The president of each league will march at the head of his men in the capacity of major, and the managers will march at the head of their respective teams in the capacity of captains."

Colored members of the association, composed of five men, will march as an escort to President Young.

Italian Residents as a Unit.

T. Guiffre, who is organizing the Italian residents of the city into a marching unit, has prepared a circular in Italian which is to be distributed broadcast throughout the city. The Italians are to march under the auspices of the Holy Rosary Church, the Italian Catholic Church of the city. Mr. Guiffre explained that there are scores of Italians in the city who are able to speak not little English, so that they might receive a full understanding of the meaning of the parade and the importance of holding it. He has had the circular prepared in their native tongue.

August Zimmerman has started to work organizing the motor cycle enthusiasts of the city as a unit for the parade. Secretary Columbus assured him the motor cyclists could ride their machines if they are decorated with American flags. Motor cyclists who plan to participate have been asked to communicate with Mr. Zimmerman at 312 9th street northwest, in order that he may register their names.

Plans for Girl Scouts.

Mrs. Harry A. Colman, District scout commissioner of the Girl Scouts, expects to have about 350 of her girls in line. All will be in their regulation uniforms. At 2:15 o'clock tomorrow afternoon the captains of the twenty-seven Girl Scout troops are to meet in the Church of the Epiphany and discuss plans for their participation in the parade.

William A. Bennett has notified the committee that the Equitable Life Insurance Company of the District of Columbia, of which he is second vice president, desires to have its officers and employees in the parade. They will be assigned a position in the insurance section.

A marching unit composed of more than 300 clerks to members of Congress and to congressional committees is to take part in the parade. Arrangements for them were made yesterday afternoon at a meeting held in the majority room of the House office building, there being about thirty secretaries and clerks present. John J. O'Brien, secretary to Representative Scully of New Jersey,

was elected chairman and Benjamin Wines, secretary to Representative Siegel of New York, was named secretary. Chairman O'Brien expects to have about 250 fellow secretaries and clerks in line and about seventy-five young woman clerks in the offices of members of Congress. At the head of this unit will march the captain of the Capitol police force and about sixty members of his command in uniform. There also will be a band.

Definite arrangements for the congressional secretaries and clerks will be made at a meeting to be held at 4:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. It is understood the men will wear dark blue coats, white shirts and trousers and straw hats. The woman employees will be dressed in white. All will carry American flags.

A committee composed of three clerical representatives of each state delegation has been named by Mr. O'Brien's committee and these subcommittees will endeavor to get every person in their respective delegations to fall in line and march in the great preparedness demonstration.

Theatrical Unit Proposed.

Fred G. Berger, who has been selected by William F. Gude, chairman of the District preparedness parade committee, as the head of the theatrical unit in the parade, was busy yesterday afternoon calling at the offices of the other theater managers in Washington arranging for the participation of everybody connected with the theaters of the city.

Anticipating that preparedness and Flag day would be a great out-of-door occasion in Washington, Mr. Berger obtained the consent of S. Z. Poli, president of the American Theater Guild, to call off the theater managers for that day in order to permit all of the Follie employees to go into the parade.

Colored Business Men's Plans.

Richard T. Ware has notified the committee which is arranging for the preparedness demonstration that the Colored Business Men's Association, of which he is president, expects to have a good turnout. Mr. Ware estimated that about 200 members of the organization would ride in automobiles. He sent his personal check for \$2 to be applied toward the fund being raised to defray the necessary organization expenses in connection with the parade.

J. Finley Wilson has been selected as chairman of a parade unit to be composed of colored persons representing all walks of life. Other officers are Dr. W. B. Evans, vice chairman; Dr. Ed. F. Harris, secretary, and Thomas Walker, treasurer. These officers are at work organizing the various minor units to be included in their section, and expect to make a good showing.

Monster Parades in Cities Emphasize Popular Demand for Adequate Preparedness

NEW ORLEANS, June 3.—Approximately 30,000 New Orleans men, women and children attested their belief in national preparedness today by marching in one of the most notable processions in the city's history. The parade began about 2 o'clock and the street lights were glowing when it finished.

To the stirring strains of patriotic music, played by forty bands, the long lines of citizens, marching eight abreast, tramped along St. Charles avenue and Canal street, while many other thousands watched and cheered the marchers from the curbsides. Only the American flag, the "Stars and Bars," carried by the Confederate veterans, and banners designating the names of the organizations were carried. The only uniforms were those of the civil war veterans, the bandmen and the National Guard companies. The Palm Beach and linen suits of the men and the sand-colored dresses of the women afforded a tan and white field above which floated the red, white and blue of the national emblem, carried by each marcher. According to actual count over 5,000 women marched.

Confederate Memorial Day.

As this was Confederate Memorial

day the United Confederate Veterans and their guests, the members of the G. A. R., were given places of honor in the first of the twelve divisions composing the procession. Then followed the governor, state and city officials and state legislators and representatives of every feature of the city's business, professional and social life. Gov. Pleasant and Mayor Behrman, after marching to the reviewing stand, reviewed the parade.

No accidents during the progress of the parade were reported to the police.

Demonstration at Natchez.

NATCHEZ, Miss., June 3.—Thousands of Natchez citizens, representing every business, professional and social life of this city, marched in the preparedness parade here this afternoon. It was declared the greatest civilian demonstration ever held here. The procession was headed by a division of Confederate Veterans, who marked to a reviewing stand, from which they watched the long line of marchers pass. Local companies of state militia and Boy Scouts also participated.

15,000 March in Springfield, Ill.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 3.—Business houses were closed for three hours today to give employees an opportunity to march in Springfield's preparedness parade.

It was estimated 15,000 persons, carrying American flags, marched. Men fit for military service who march but do not enlist in the National Guard are flying false colors in the opinion of Gov. Dunne, who issued a statement calling on young men of the state to enlist.

Big Turn-Out in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., June 3.—St. Louis celebrated "preparedness day" with a parade in which 75,000 men and women marched.

Rain No Bar in Hartford.

HARTFORD, Conn., June 3.—Men and women, estimated in number at fully 15,000, marched here this afternoon in a "preparedness" parade. Rain fell at frequent intervals, but the sixteen divisions swung steadily along, taking nearly two and a half hours to pass a given point. Gov. Marcus H. Holcomb reviewed the parade.

In the line were industrial workers, business and professional men and women, civic, patriotic, military and naval organizations and a detachment of 275 sailors and marines from the U. S. S. Utah, which anchored off New Haven Friday night to permit the men to come to this city.

Among the out-of-town marchers was United States Senator George P. McLean, who was with the delegation from Simsbury, his home town.

Voice of Salt Lake.

SALT LAKE, Utah, June 3.—A "preparedness" parade here this afternoon brought out a body of marchers estimated at more than 10,000.

Two Governors in Line in Providence

PROVIDENCE, R. I., June 3.—Rhode Island men and women, 52,523 strong, marched here today in a preparedness parade. The procession was nearly seven hours in passing the reviewing stand, where Gov. Beekman of Rhode Island and Gov. McCall of Massachusetts occupied places of honor.

A feature was a living flag, composed of 1,500 schoolgirls, dressed in red, white and blue, who filled a large stand erected in front of the city hall. Grand Army veterans in uniform acted as a guard of honor for the children.

Springfield, Ohio, Speaks.

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, June 3.—City and county officials led a preparedness parade, in which 5,000 persons participated here today. Business and fra-

ternal organizations assisted in arranging for the demonstration.

Schools Take Part in Lima, Ohio.

LIMA, Ohio, June 3.—Six thousand preparedness advocates marched in a parade here today, every marcher carrying a flag. The city was decorated for the occasion. The local schools contributed a large number of the participants.

CONGRESSMAN CALLS SEA BATTLE AID TO BIG NAVY

Mr. Farr, at Pennsylvania Society Meeting, Predicts Change of Sentiment Here.

Preparedness parades such as the one scheduled to be held in this city June 14 are good things, Representative John H. Farr of Pennsylvania told the Pennsylvania Society at its last meeting of the season in the Perpetual building, 11th and E streets northwest, last night. He said that they make the people think.

Representative Farr predicted that as a result of the big North Sea battle between the British and German fleets there would be a noticeable change of sentiment for a larger navy here. The right kind of a navy, he said, would be a guarantee of peace.

The representative also said that he was in favor of civil service retirement, because the civil service employees are entitled to it.

In addition to Representative Farr's speech, there was an entertainment, in which the following took part: F. L. Platt, Raymond E. King, James H. Donny, Mrs. John Fogarty, Miss Anna Seibert, Maurice Fitzgerald and Miss Gladys Rubin.

Kappa Pi Pi Meets Today.

The Kappa Pi Pi will hold its regular meeting this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the hall of the Immaculate Conception School. There will be an initiation of new members after the business meeting.

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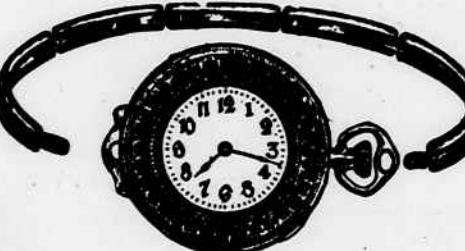
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